



ZONTA CLUB OF QUABOAG VALLEY BOG NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2020

Important Dates for your Calendar



**Zonta Foundation for Women ~
District Challenge ~ Every Mem-
ber, Every November**

**Zonta Says No to Violence Against
Women campaign 11/25—12/10**

December 14 Business Meeting—Zoom

January 11 Business Meeting

February 8 Business Meeting

March 8 - Zonta Rose Day

Please consider making a donation to the Zonta International Foundation in honor of someone who has made a positive impact on your life or the lives of others.

March 8 Business Meeting

**March 15-26 Commission on the Status
of Women 65 will be Virtual—
unwomen.org Click on CSW for updates**

April 12 Business Meeting

May Silent “no more!” Auction

June 14 Business Meeting

**September 12 Zonta Golf Tournament
Fundraiser—Cold Spring Country Club**

We expect to see all of you on 12/14;
if you are unable to Zoom, please let
Dana know.

**P.S. Guests are invited to our virtual
meetings. If you know any one who
is interested in joining us, simply
contact us by email to get a meeting
link: info@zontaqv.org**

Dear fellow Zontians and friends,

I hope everyone had a safe and relaxing Thanksgiving. Thanks so much to Liz Hart and Anthonia Olatubosum for giving us an update on the Malden club's hard work passing the End Child Marriage bill! Let's all do our part and continue to let Speaker DeLeo know how important this is to our community.

The 25th of November marks the start of the 16 Days of Advocacy with the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and ends December 10th with Human Rights Day. This is an important time of the year to share the ideals of Zonta. Now that social media has become everyone's best friend, I suggest we use that to launch a campaign to share Zonta's message far and wide. I will be diligently sharing Zonta International (ZI) posts on our Facebook page and encourage you all to share those posts on your pages. There is also a Zonta Says No frame from ZI that you can add to your profile picture.

Our December business meeting will include a special guest, Jennifer Hamilton. Jennifer is a Professor of Legal Studies and Anthropology at Hampshire College and a visiting Professor of Sexuality, Women's & Gender studies at Amherst College. She is also the former director at the Five College Women's Studies and Research Center. Jennifer will be talking about "The F Word, Feminism". I hope all our members will share this event and encourage others to attend.

Please continue with the spirit of giving if you're able and purchase gift cards for YWCA and Palmer Domestic Violence Task Force. I really appreciate all that our club has been able to do and provide for our community and the world! You should all be proud of yourselves for everything you do and give. Thank you and I hope you all have a blessed holiday season!

Sincerely,
President Dana Burton



**Pamela Albertson 12/22
Prospective member
Chris Keough Huff 12/11**



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Introducing two prospective members to the Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley.
(You may recognize them, as they have attended many meetings!)



Karen Keough-Huff :

Education- UMass For Bachelor of Science in Physical Education. Masters in Exercise Physiology from Bridgewater and Masters in Education Administration from Worcester State.

Career - 30 plus years in education as a Health and Wellness teacher, coach , and administrator. After retiring from education I started contract work for Tufts Health Plan. I am also manager for the Planet Fitness in Belchertown.

Interests: reading, writing, golf, biking, Red Sox



Chris Keough-Huff:

Education- Penn state Behrend Bachelor of Science in business and behavioral science with a minor in psychology. Master in Education mental health counselor from Cambridge college

Career-30 plus years in Education last 14 years as a school adjustment counselor.

Interests- socializing, cooking, playing games on ipad.

We both volunteer at the Brookfield Ecumenical Food Pantry.

**Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley
District I, Area II,
Charter 1317 of Zonta
International
2020—2021**

- President:** Dana Burton
- Vice President:** Danielle Petrangelo
- Treasurer:** Andrea Bordenca
- Secretary:** Mary Knight
- Directors:** Patti Matthieu
Luz Rivera
Patricia Pupek

Website: www.zontaqv.org

Committee Chairs 2020—2021

- Finance/Audit Chair:** Joanne Turner-Chiacchia
- Membership Chair:** Danielle Petrangelo
- PR /Communication Chair:** Mary Knight
- Advocacy/UN Chair:** Pam Albertson
- Service Chair:** Joanne Turner-Chiacchia
- Scholarships Chair:** Maria Maloney
- Poinsettia Fundraiser Chair:** Liz Reeves
- Golf Fundraiser Chair:** Debra Wood
- Auction Fundraiser Chairs:**
Patricia Pupek and Dianne Kidd
- Nominating:** TBD
- Bylaw Revisions:** Suz Tiranno

“Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.”

Mark Twain



Zonta of Quaboag Valley—November 9, 2020 Business Meeting

Business Meeting – Zoom November 12, 2020 @ 6pm

Present: Pam Albertson, Andrea Bordenca, Dana Burton, Marge Cavanaugh, Joanne Turner-Chiacchia, Mary Knight, Patti Matthieu, Liz Reeves, Mary Ann Rubis, Susan Seaver, Suz Tiranno, Stacy Troy, Debbie Wood

Absent: Dianne Kidd, Danielle Petrangelo, Trish Pupek, Nancy Ayers, Janet DaSilva, Kris Goid, Luz Rivera, Maria Maloney,

Guests: Karen and Chris Keough-Huff, Malden Zontians: Anthonia Olatubosun, Elizabeth Hart, Lisa Jacobson,

Dana welcomed everyone with a 101 Birthday wish for ZI. Mary Ann updated us on the “Every Member, Every November” fundraiser and challenge that ends 12/1/2020.

ACTION: Each of us is encouraged to give whatever we can for a personal donation to the District 1 team to support the fundraising efforts of Zonta Foundation for Women. Money raised will go to the Service projects voted for this biennium. There is also a friendly competition with other Districts. Details: www.zonta.org/foundationcampaigns

The Zonta Club of Malden was our featured program tonight. Past Governor Liz (subbing for President Michelle Luong), Anthonia and Lisa shared the background and their club's continued advocacy efforts to End Child Marriage in Massachusetts. Highlights were also posted in the November issue of the Zonta Bog (page 5). When asked WHY anyone would be IN FAVOR of allowing children to marry, we were told that some legislators have pointed to cultural acceptance, not wanting to take away parental rights, pregnancy, childhood sweethearts who want to start a family, one less mouth to feed in a large family, etc.

ACTION: Each of us is encouraged (especially during the 16 Days of Advocacy) to take action ourselves and to promote the need for advocacy among our social networks. A sample letter addressed to the House Speaker is posted at http://zontaqv.org/child_marriage/

Following the Program, the business meeting was called to order at about 6:30 by President Dana Burton

October Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes published in the Bog as corrected.

Treasurers Report: Andrea reported that the profit from our Golf outing was \$5235! She hopes to have a formal Treasurer's Report shortly for voting and audit.

Committee Reports

UN/Advocacy – Pam noted that through the Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women campaign (11/25 – 12/10), Zonta clubs around the world are uniting to raise their voices to bring awareness to this issue and advocate on behalf of gender-based violence survivors. She will be sharing ideas on how club members can get involved in this effort.

Poinsettia Fundraiser – Liz reported that we have reached out to businesses with 2020 Order Form. Members are also needed to make follow-up calls – contact Mary Knight if you can help out. The order form is on club website and members are encouraged to start sharing with friends and family. Sorting, wrapping, and delivery support will be needed the last week in November.

Bylaws – Mary noted that Zonta is planning to have updated club bylaw template to reflect changes made at the 2020 Convention in early December. Suz and her team will help update the Quaboag bylaws and we will need to vote in the amendments.

Education Scholarships – Dana will follow up with Maria to be sure high schools have been notified that the YWPA application is available. We will also get a news release out to local papers and our website.

Soldier On – The Leeds building houses only one woman right now. We have enough quilts and stockings for a much larger number. We will await direction from Casey.

December 14, 2020 Meeting

We normally collect toys and items to give to children for Christmas, but we are still unclear who will accept and what is needed.. Looking at CHD and the YWCA. Dana will get the word out to members before Thanksgiving, so shopping can proceed. Dana may have a speaker for the meeting.

Announcements

We are delighted to announce that Karen and Chris Keough-Huff would like to join membership. We will have their bios and pictures in the December newsletter for members who may not have met them yet.

Dana thanked everyone for attending. Next Newsletter deadline is 11/27; next meeting 12/14.

Meeting Adjourned 6:55

Respectfully Submitted
Mary Knight, Secretary

ZQV Board Meeting November 16, 2020 6:00 PM on Zoom

Present: Andrea Bordenca, Dana Buton, Mary Knight, Patti Matthieu, Danielle Petrangelo, Trish Pupek

Absent: Luz Rivera

President Dana called the meeting to order at 6:05.

Minutes: The minutes from October 2020 were moved and voted to accept as written.

Treasurers Report: Andrea is working with Joanne and will have a report for the December that can be voted on and filed for audit.

Note – Joanne requested that she remain on our 'board roster' for the purpose of finalizing paperwork in MA for our status as a charity. The board through email vote was fine with this proposal.

As you know in the spring (with Steve's help) I started the application to Public Charities. It has been a slow process and still not approved yet. I think because of the Covid slow down, things are way behind at the state level. When I started the process I was Treasurer. One of the requirements is that an officer must sign the application and an officer be the contact person, which I have been. But I am not an officer now. I think it would be permissible for the Board to designate that I have temporary or limited Treasurer status just to complete the process for the Public Charities. I would not be Treasurer in any other sense. I don't think it would be fair to ask our current Treasurer Andrea to take over this project. If you have questions or reservations about doing this, please let me know.

October/November meetings – no comments

New member applications: Karen Keough-Huff and Chris Keough-Huff are interested in joining our club. Their pictures and bios will be in the December newsletter and approval will be voted on by membership

16 Days of Activism – coming up. Pam will provide some ideas for members shortly. Mary will create a news release about the 16 days and child marriage.

Poinsettia Fundraiser: Orders coming in – need all members to help solicit sales and buy themselves to give out as gifts. Help needed also for delivery, starting December 1st.

December 14 Business Meeting:

Dana has a possible speaker from the Five College Women's Research Center who could talk about "The F word: Feminism".

If this works out we will highlight her in the December Bog

Toys for kids are not being accepted because of the ongoing pandemic. We decided as a board to sponsor a **Gift Card Drive** – instead of buying toys, individual members are asked to buy gift cards or contribute toward the purchase of gift cards (Walmart and others – any denomination) that will be delivered to the YWCA of Western MA and Palmer Domestic Violence Task Force and distributed to families in shelters for the holidays, so they can buy that special gift for their children.

As we do not meet in person, members can either mail them directly with a note that they are from Zonta or get gift cards or checks/Venmo for that purpose to Dana or Mary.

Here are all the addresses:

- ~ Mary Knight PO Box 1034 Belchertown, MA 01007 (checks or Venmo)
- ~ Dana Burton 74 Daniel Shays Hwy. Belchertown, MA 01007 (checks or Venmo)
- ~ Palmer Domestic Violence Task Force Attn: Emily Skoczylas, Director 4417 Main St Palmer, Ma 01069
- ~ Danielle Petrangelo (for YWCA of Western MA) 139 Union Street #6 Westfield, MA 01085

~ **Soldier On holiday visit** is up in the air with only one person in house. Dana will follow with Casey to get her suggestion.

Brainstorming session. Assuming we will not be gathering for in-person programs in the foreseeable future, what could we be doing to generate virtual programs like Amelia Earhart celebration, Period project, Silent Auction etc.

As travel is not an issue, what timely topics / amazing speakers can we invite and publicize to attract new members and improve visibility?

Next board meeting 12/17/2020 at 6:00

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45

Respectfully Submitted, Mary Knight, Secretary



16 WAYS IN 16 DAYS

ZONTASAYS **NO**
TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Update by Pam Albertson, Advocacy and UN Chair

November 25 has been designated the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, which begins Zonta International's 16 Days of Activism. During the 16 Days of Activism, all Zonta clubs and districts are encouraged to take part in the Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women campaign and to take local, national and international actions to influence the making and implementation of laws, as well as changing gender-based attitudes and behaviors to end violence against women.

Zonta has provided some wonderful resources that show many different actions that Zonta members can use to find a way to get involved and spread the word. There is a 43 page "Toolkit" at [ZontaSaysNOToolkit.pdf](#). Below are highlights for each day; I will provide you with more detailed ideas everyone can take action on that will take only a few minutes per day.

For example, **Day 3 is Friday, November 27**, which is when I am writing this. Suggestions for Day 3, the theme of which is "Orange", include wearing orange and taking a photo to post on social media using the Zonta-supplied frame and post a message of intent. Link to tools at [Facebook Profile Photo Frame](#) and at [ZSN Envisioning - Message of Intent Template.pdf \(dropbox.com\)](#).

Day 4's theme, which is Saturday, is "Listening". There is a list of TED Talks for viewing at [Let's end the silence around abuse | TED Talks](#). There are some excellent speakers and if any one of them speaks to you, it can be shared.

Day 5: Remembrance—• Remember those women and girls who have died as a result of gender-based violence through a red dress campaign, shoe display or other method.

Day 6: Allyship—• Invite men and boys to join you in your actions. • Put together a photo campaign of men and boys in your community with Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women signs and share via social media.

Day 7: Giving—• Make a donation to the Zonta Foundation for Women International Service Fund to support efforts to end gender-based violence and child, early and forced marriage.

Day 8: Advocacy—• Ask a state or local official to make a Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women proclamation.

• Call for your country's ratification of the Council of Europe Istanbul Convention. • Take action to end child marriage at the state or national level. • Review your company's sexual harassment policy and advocate for updates, if needed.

Day 9: Discussion—• Join the discussion with Zonta International on Twitter.

Day 10: Awareness • Raise awareness of gender-based violence via social media, chalk art, yard signs, billboards or an other public display.

Day 11: Tribute—• Highlight survivor stories via social media.

Day 12: Student Engagement • Partner with your local Z or Golden Z club, Girl Scouts, Girl Guides or other student groups. • Work with students to address cyberviolence against women and girls.

Day 13: Outreach—• Organize a letter writing/postcard campaign to elected/appointed officials on an issue of importance in your community, state or country. • Write a letter to the editor on a gender-based violence issue in your community.

Day 14: Community—• Host a book club with a focus on gender-based violence or women's empowerment. • Interview your local police chief or elected official to talk about issues in your community and publish the interview on your website and share on social media. • Organize a Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women march or virtual march in your community.

Day 15: Service—• Help survivors of domestic violence. • Initiate the MASK-19 initiative to help women in your local community get the services they need. • Support local organizations responding to the increase in domestic violence during COVID-19 pandemic.

Day 16: Reflection—• Reflect on what you learned during the 16 Days and share your reflections via social media or with family and friends. • Share your story with Zonta International; include photos, where appropriate

I'll be emailing more suggestions for action so let's work together to bring awareness to these important issues throughout the 16 Days. As President Langenbeck wrote, "Even though our traditional advocacy actions may not take place this year, we cannot waver from our mission, especially now. As the world faces the COVID-19 pandemic, instances of violence against women and girls are on the rise. Now, more than ever, it is essential that we work together, with our communities, partners and future generations, to end gender-based violence".

FINAL CALL: Poinsettia Fundraiser

The order forms are streaming in—looks like we may reach or exceed last year's profit! You can keep selling, but email or call in your orders to Mary so we can be sure to have the plants ordered. The order form will help familiarize the newer members with the sale. I will be sending out an email to the membership looking for volunteers to help deliver plants. Deliveries will start the week of Nov. 30.

Thanks for all of your efforts! Contact me with any questions!

Poinsettia Chairperson
Liz Reeves



The ZONTA Club of Quaboag Valley Annual Poinsettia Fundraiser

We invite you to participate in our annual poinsettia fundraiser. These plants brighten up the office and home during the holiday season, and make wonderful gifts for friends, colleagues and clients. These florist-quality Poinsettias in foil-covered pots are available in two sizes and four colors. Deliveries will be made between late November and early December.

To order: Complete the order form and (1) mail OR fax to the Committee Chairs (contact info below) or (2) provide to the Zonta Club member who will call you in the next two weeks. Payment is due at delivery. Make checks payable to "Zonta of Quaboag Valley".

Business/Contact: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Quantity	Size / Cost		Color Selection		Subtotal Multiply quantity times cost
	Medium (5-7 blooms) \$20	Large (10-14 blooms) \$26	Red White	Pink Pink & White*	
Example: 2	Large		Red		\$52

** limited quantities of pink & white, so please note 2nd choice on same line.*

Total: _____

Zonta of Quaboag Valley – Poinsettia Fundraiser Committee Members

Committee: Liz Reeves, Andrea Bordenca, Patti Matthieu, Mary Knight, Susan Seaver

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Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy. The Quaboag Valley Club uses profits from this fundraiser to support local community projects such as raising awareness on issues of child marriage, domestic violence, homeless women veterans, trafficking of women, and more. Visit us at zontaqv.org for more information. Thank you!!

